

Bigfork Steering Committee Minutes
June 12, 2008, 2008
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Community Forum
(draft)

In attendance: Craig Wagner, Pat Wagner, Gary Ridderhoff, Edd Blackler, Chuck Gough, Elna Darrow, Paul Rana, Shelley Gonzales, John Bourquin, George Darrow, Leslie Budewitz, , Joe Brennemen, Steve Zabaro

Chairman Craig Wagner called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Introductions: We introduced ourselves to Marty Boursma who is going to help with Bike/Walking Paths Committee

Agenda: The motion was made to adopt the agenda. (m/sc Zabaro/Gough) Passed

Minutes: The minutes for May 29, 2008 were approved as emailed. (m/sc Rana /Zabaro) Passed.

Treasurer's Report: Steve reported 2 expenditures 28.00 each for Copies and Advertising bringing our balance to 2716.44. A motion was made to adopt the Treasurer's report. (m/sc Gough /Gonzales) Passed Leslie presented a donation to the BSC from one of her committee members on the North Lake Planning Committee.

Resort Tax Committee: No Report Still waiting to revise the map.

Lake County Planning: Leslie scheduled two public meetings in July. The first is July 22, 2008 at Brumar Estate, 29048 Broken Leg Rd and the second is scheduled for July 23, at Bethany Lutheran Church on Highway 35. Both of these meetings will start at 7:00 pm. She will be updating the community on the progress of the committee. Her next Committee meetings will be on June 20, 2008, July 11, 2008 and July 18, 2008. They will all be at Saddlehorn Discovery Tower, 9:00 am.

Vision Committee: In Recess

Stormwater Committee. No Report

George Darrow handed out informational sheets pertaining to the DNRC sale of land in Woods Bay. Their public meeting was held June 12, 2008 in the evening. (attached in notebook)

Chairman's Report: Craig reported a bit on the DOT (Department of Transportation) truck meeting that was held to discuss the truck problem on Highway 35. Edd, Leslie and John also spoke about the meeting. It was interesting in that the DOT did say they could restrict certain kinds of vehicles however there are many factors involved in that decision. The DOT is still accepting public comment until early July. Comments maybe sent to:

Dwayne Kailey,

Msla District Administrator, MDT

P. O. Box 7039

Missoula, Montana 59807-7039

or by fax 406 494-4396

Or online at www.mdt.mt.gov/mdt/comment_form.shtml

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The meeting was a long one but no permanent solution yet.

Joe Brenneman: Joe talked about his investigation into the concept of a Township. He has talked to several legislators about this concept and so far they seem to favor the idea. This would be a way to for small communities to have more control of their own community. Joe has heard Evergreen might be interested and one person at the state level mentioned Park City. Joe will also be talking to legislators from Eastern Montana. Joe also would like to hear from this community. I thought if anyone out there thinks it might work or not work you could email me and I will send several of your emails on one from me so we don't inundate Joe with email. There is still a lot of work that needs to be done on this concept. A map of the boundaries to be determined as only those people who live within the boundaries would be eligible to run for office and many other items to settle. Joe was asked to look into signage. With sign violations, we have been told when one is cited it must be all of the violators. We have a huge corridor with billboards and there is one major sign company that has a lot of money and lawyers. We feel we have a strong case so we are working toward a solution.. We have also hired a new attorney to help our county attorneys. Shelley Gonzales asked about scenic corridors and Joe replied Highway 35 as of the 1993 Bigfork Neighborhood Plan was designated as a scenic corridor and we will have to see what signage rules apply to that classification.

Announcements: Two important meetings--- June 18, 2008 6: 00 Pm Earl Bennet Bldg Continued Discussion of on the Supreme Court Decision and Flathead County.

June 25, 2008 Public Workshop with the County Planning Board on the Bigfork Neighborhood Plan 6:00 PM at the Earl Bennett Building

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Meeting was adjourned at 12:58 pm

Pat Wagner, Secretary